

SENSITIVE WOMAN'S DEATH.

H. M. Vaile, the Wife of the Star Route Contractor, Believed to Have Committed Suicide.
Independence, Mo., February 16.—H. M. Vaile, wife of Star Route contractor Vaile, has committed suicide on account of the disgrace brought on the family by the developments in the trial now going on in Washington. The facts in the case are that on Wednesday evening Mrs. Vaile took a large dose of morphine, and yesterday morning she died from the effects, despite the efforts of physicians to save her. She had made strange remarks the day before death and dead bodies, and it is known that since the beginning of the star-route trials she has been spirited. When it was known she had died from the effects of morphine administered by her own doctor, the general opinion at once was that probably it was she who had taken her life, but friends persisted that she had done accidentally, and still maintain the theory. A sealed letter, addressed to her husband, was found in one bureau drawer after her death, a great deal of curiosity being cast on what it contains, the being that probably it throw some light on the affair. He has been notified of this event, and is expected home at the earliest possible moment. The Vailes had been in this country for a great many years, and the star route contractor risen from extreme poverty to wealth. A few years ago he one of the finest houses in the on his farm near this city, it being finished in the most rare and costly woods which could be imported, furnished throughout in great elegance. Until the beginning of the the home life of Vaile and his wife has always been pleasant, but that time his wife has constantly grieved over their troubles, and they believed to have a last led her to relief in death.

PERILS OF LADY RIDERS.

Accidents Are Numerous to Fair Equestriennes.

Very now and then a fatal accident happens to a woman by a fall in a horse, says the New York Times. A recent one occurring in an archery hunting field has been particularly commented on. The horse fell backward, and, before the rider could free herself, the animal dashed her. Of late a new prong has been added to a lady's saddle—bird horn, in fact—and quite number of these side-saddles have been introduced into the United States. The trouble seems to be that, with this extra rig, the difficulties of engagement from the saddle are very increased. If the position is rendered rather more secure—the imminent of sudden movements to the being prevented by these triple reins—when it becomes necessary in exceptional cases for a woman to dismount from her saddle she is so tightly cinched that rapid action is impossible. Accident will even to men who know how when a horse falls backward, only escape being to slide down horse's back, a circus-like performance which is easier to describe than to carry out. But, with a rolling horse, a woman stands but little chance. A horse slips and down he struggles for an instant, turns on one side, and then comes a lunge for the rider. As a great hunter said: "Any fool can fall, the thing is to know just how to fall, and, of course, 'how to fall can be taught in a riding school.' Speeding long and heavy riding has become, even more dangerous than the three-pronged side-saddles, one of the rider's may be so tightly cinched that it can hardly be freed; then, again, if the limb is broken, there are chances of entanglement of the folds of the skirt in the new, and fearful dragging of the skirt. No matter what are the precautions used, as long as a woman ride in an unnatural position, there is some danger, but the risk may be reduced to a minimum in this way: to permit a woman to ride a horse has a single vice or trick. If all accidents happening to women who were studied, it would be found 50 per cent. of them arise from a horse, and the rest from the unyielding material of the skirt, saddles have the least to do with

A MOTHER'S LOVE.

Driver's Faith in Human Nature saves a Freezing Woman's Life. A gentleman who arrived in Butte, Montana, Thursday night from Missoula, related to a Miner reporter the惊异 story of hardships encountered by the incoming Missoula stage Tuesday night. He says a lady passenger was only prevented from freezing in the passage over the Bear Creek hills, thirty-five miles west of Deer Lodge, by the prompt heroic remedy applied by the driver. The lady was accompanied by a two-year-old child, and, as the cold became more intense, with motherly love she took her own wraps to shield the child, until her own clothes were covered with a shawl, which was entirely insufficient to ward off the freezing. The premonitory drowsiness soon observed, and it became evident that the woman would freeze unless prompt action was taken to revive circulation in her congealing veins and arteries. The driver was notified, without saying a word immediately, the woman out of the stage, and leaving her by the roadside, started the box and drove off. The afterwards said that she was too benumbed, both physically and mentally, to take in the situation, but realized that her child was being led away from her and started to after the stage. The driver maintained sufficient speed to keep a little ahead of the distracted mother for distance of about three miles, when stopped and helped her into the stage. She was wrapped in blankets and overcoats offered by the gentlemen passengers, and made the balance of the trip without further suffering from

COMMERCIAL.

Cotton and Grain.	
GRAIN.	
Wheat, choice	1 00@1.10
" low grade	40@ .85
Oats	40@ .45
Corn	75@ .90
COTTON.	
Good middling	90@ .95
Second middling	90@ .95
Strict low middling	85@ .95
Low middling	85@ .95
Strict good ordinary	85@ .95
Ordinary	85@ .95
Stains	75@ .95
Wagon Woodwork.	
SPOKES per sett.	1.75
HUBS per sett.	1.50@2.00
TONGUES	.90
AXLES	.90
TEERS	.50
COUPLING POLLS	.50
TREES	.50
Wagon, double, per doz.	3.50
Wagon, single, per doz.	1.75
BUCKLES	.75
Wheels, per sett.	7.50
Tongues	.90
Spokes	2.75
Financial.	
GOLD AND SILVER.	
Buying. Selling	
Gold... 100	
American silver dollar... 1/2 disc nominal	
Mexican silver dollar... 1/2 nominal	
Mexican silver halves... 1/2 nominal	
Mexican silver quarters... 1/4 nominal	
BANKER'S EXCHANGE.	
New York sight, gold... nominal	
New York sight, gold... \$1.00	
New Orleans sight, gold... nominal	
New Orleans sight, currency... 25¢ per \$100	
St. Louis sight, currency... 25¢ per \$100	
Galveston sight, gold and currency... 25¢ per \$100	
STERLING COMMERCIAL EXCHANGE.	
New York sight currency... 1/2 discount	
New Orleans sight, gold... 1/2 discount	
New Orleans sight, currency... 1/2 discount	
Galveston sight, currency... 1/2 discount	
St. Louis sight, currency... 1/2 discount	
Chicago sight, currency... 1/2 discount	
DRUGS.	
Acid, muriatic, per lb.	35¢
Acid, sulphur, per lb.	75@10
Acid, nitric, per lb.	125@25
Borax, per lb.	40@50
Bicarbonate of soda, per lb.	35@25
Salt soda, per lb.	35@25
Caustic soda, per lb.	45@50
Gum camphor.	25@30
Copperas, per lb.	25@30
Soda ash, per lb.	35@40
Gum opium, per lb.	5.00@4.50
Birch bark root, per lb.	75@25
Sarsaparilla root, per lb.	15@20
Quinine, per oz.	2.50@3.00
Morphine, per oz.	4.00@4.50
Castor oil, per lb.	15@15
Cinchonita, per oz.	1.00@1.50
Liquorice, per oz.	1.00@1.50
Camphorated oil, per lb.	7.50@7.75
White lead, per lb.	10@12
Castile soap (red), per lb.	10@12
Coleman's mustard (Durham), B.	1.00@1.11
Glycerine...	35@45
Saddlery and Harness.	
SKIRTING.	
No. 1 California per lb.	40 to 43cts
No. 2 California per lb.	40 to 41cts
No. 3 California per lb.	38 to 40cts
No. 1 Fair Hemlock per lb.	35 to 37cts
No. 1 Oak per lb.	37 to 38cts
No. 1 Hemlock per lb.	35 to 36cts
HARNESS.	
Wagon, short tug...	\$1.00@2.00
Wagon, long tug...	15@20@25
COLLARS.	
Wagon, full stock...	11.50@19.00
Wagon, extra wool...	20@25@25
Collar sol's.	4.00@4.50
BRIDLES.	
Blind, per doz.	6.50@12.50
3/4 Fillings, No. 1 ex., per doz.	8.50@11.50
SADDLES.	
Leather, stamped Cal...	\$4.00 to \$5.00
Plain Cal...	2.00 to 4.00
No. 1 loose courses...	20.00 to 25.00
No. 2 tied courses, Still tree...	18 to 20
No. 2 tied courses, Rose or Love...	15 to 17
No. 2 loose courses, inc...	15 to 20
No. 2 Austin rings, riveted...	12.50 to 15
Fulrigs, black...	7.50 to 12
3/4 rigs black or oiled...	6.50 to 10
Pockets extra...	2.00@2.50
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